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Special Back to the 'Ville Edition

## Renovations begin; others planned

**N**orthwest students are no strangers to changes on campus, but this year's freshmen class may see the renovations of several major campus buildings before they graduate. After announcing the possibility of constructing a new building to house the Departments of Agriculture and Home Economics, the ad-

ministration has decided to seek funding for extensive renovations of existing structures instead.

In a June meeting, the Board of Regents discussed a five-year plan beginning in fiscal year 1989 involving the construction of a \$1.25 million studio theater addition to the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and the \$7.5 million

academic building for the Departments of Agriculture and Home Economics.

The studio theater had been part of the original plans for the Performing Arts Center, but had been tabled because of a lack of funds. The addition may still be constructed, but Northwest President Dean Hubbard called the plan "a question mark," and said that

he was not convinced of the need for such a structure. He also said that the plans for an agriculture and home economics building have been cancelled.

Instead, the University will be seeking funds for renovations of the Garrett Strong Math and Science Building and Colden Hall to make more efficient use of the space available in those structures. If the funds are allocated, work would begin on Garrett Strong in 1989 and on Colden in 1990.

Dr. John Paul Mees, vice president for administrative and student services, said that the renovations of both structures would be for more efficient functioning under the guidelines of last year's University reorganization.

"We've done so much patchwork of renovating and changing structures that we want to look at the system and design something that is effective for meeting classroom needs," Mees said.

Plans for both buildings include renovating heating and air conditioning systems, and Mees said that the improvements in Colden might include the installation of another elevator, more energy-efficient window treatment, and the relocation of all faculty offices on the lower level.

**R**enovations have recently been completed in Wells Hall and are due to begin this semester in the Horace Mann School. The plumbing, wiring and heating systems in the school are to be replaced before the 1987 fall semester, and several internal relocations are planned. The Missouri Legis-

lature allocated \$1.2 million in capital improvements for the Horace Mann project, which is expected to cost between \$1.2 million and \$2 million. Hubbard said that the project may not be completed all at once, and that "extras" like the renovation of the school auditorium for a learning resource center and the addition of art and music facilities in the basement of the structure may have to be added later.

When the College of Education moves back to Horace Mann, the Speech Department, Talent Development Center, and Counseling Center will move into the first floor of Wells Hall, which is now serving as a temporary home for the college while its building is being renovated.

Work is also expected to begin this year on the Valk and Thompson-Ringold Industrial Arts Buildings. During the spring semester, renovations will begin on the lower level of Valk, and nearly all industrial arts classes will be held in that building when the remodeling is complete. Central Receiving, which is now housed in Valk, will be moving to the metal building which was occupied by the Department of Mass Communications before its move to Wells.

Approximately half of the Thompson-Ringold Building may be demolished when the renovations are completed in the Valk facility. Combined with the limited use of the metal building, this move will reduce the amount of unused space on campus by 30,000-33,000 square feet.

### Playfair welcomes freshmen to campus

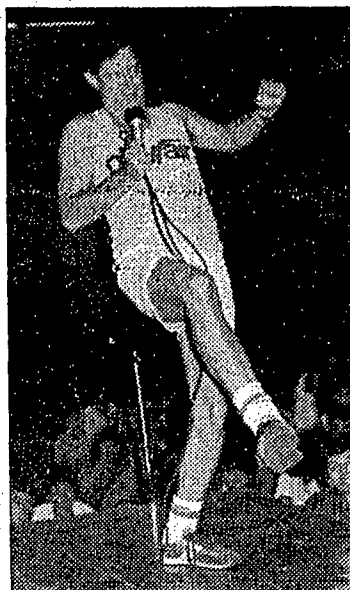


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Amo Tarnoff and his group Playfair entertain a freshmen crowd by demonstrating such acts as slow motion running and contortions.



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### INSIDE THE MISSOURIAN

#### Roommates aren't always friends

*Learning to get along can be fun.*

*see page 6*

#### "New-Look" offense keys attack

*Thomsen sees running game increasing in action over last season.*

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## **Immunization records needed**

Students registering for classes at Northwest must provide documented proof of measles and rubella immunization according to a new University policy that goes into effect this semester.

According to the policy, students must present acceptable documentation of immunization to the Director of Student Health Services. If the student is not in possession of the document, 60 days will be given for that student to obtain the record. If the 60-day requirement is not met, the student's registration will be administratively cancelled.

## **Toxic chemical leak discovered**

A highly toxic chemical called Ethylene Dibromide (EDB) was recently discovered leaking from containers in Byer's warehouse in St. Joseph. The containers had been shipped two years prior to the accident and were waiting to be shipped to Liberty, where they would be destroyed.

Lt. Gov. Harriett Woods visited the site last week and said she wanted to know how the leak affected residents of the community, and she also wanted to hear people's comments on the handling of the leak and she wanted to speak with them about how to deal with similar emergencies in the future.

Woods said a tougher federal law requiring more detailed information for local officials about toxic chemicals was needed.

"Too many Missouri communities have been dumping grounds for highly dangerous chemicals, and the communities don't even know what's there and what to do about emergencies," Woods said.

## **MISSOURIAN** An ACP All-American

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# **Iowa changes drinking age**

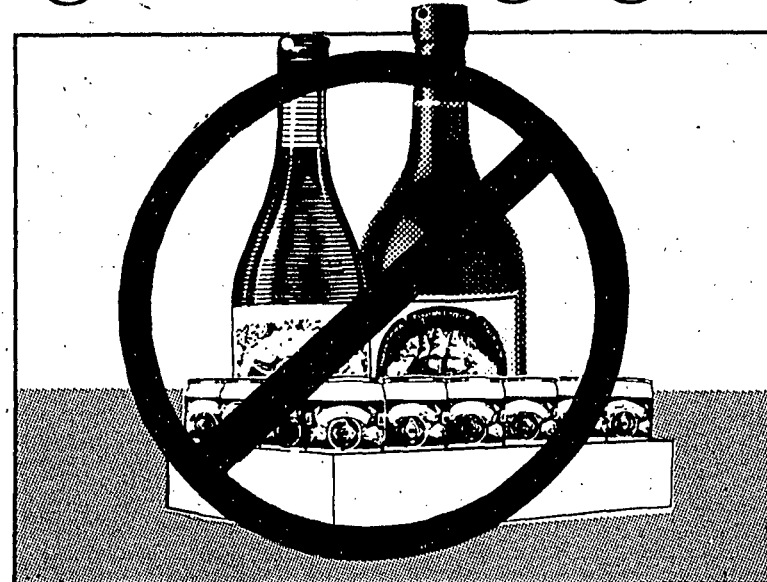
BY MOLLY ROSSITER  
Features Editor

The frequently-traveled road extending from Maryville to Clarinda, Iowa, may not be as busy as it once was. As of July 1 of this year, those under the age of 21 are no longer legally allowed to purchase alcoholic liquor, wine or beer in Iowa.

The Iowa legislature recently passed a new law stating, "A person aged 19 or 20 shall not purchase or possess alcoholic liquor, wine or beer." The new law does, however, allow persons aged 19 and 20 to possess alcoholic beverages "given to the person within a private home with the knowledge and consent of the person's parent or guardian, and a person aged 19 or 20 may handle alcoholic liquor, wine or beer during the course of the person's employment by a liquor control licensee, or wine or beer permittee."

Section 2 of this act states, "Section 1 of this act does not apply to persons born on or before Sept. 1, 1967." This was to allow persons already out of high school and currently of legal age to purchase and possess alcohol to go on doing so, said one source in the Iowa Public Information Office in Des Moines.

The major reason for the new law, the source said, was the fed-



eral mandate threatening that Iowa would lose highway funding if the drinking age was not raised.

Another reason, according to the source, was the high accident rate of people in the 18-25 age group. The new law is hoped to lower that rate.

Changing the law will have a mixed reaction on the bar/lounge business. The source at the Iowa Public Information Office feels the new law will definitely hurt the Iowa bars and lounges, while Missouri businesses should feel little or no effect.

Missouri bar owners will feel a mixed effect.

"I don't know that it will affect

me," Pat Seipel, manager of the Power Station, a Maryville night club, said. "The only way it will affect me is that I'll have a lot more trouble with minors...We try to be really strict (about carding) anyway, but sometimes we've got to watch the bouncers because if they see someone they know, they might let them in."

Andy Espey, manager of Yesterday's, a Maryville restaurant and lounge, agrees.

"I don't feel it will affect me because we're already 21," he said. "I think the number of fake I.D.s will increase. By that, I mean the number of minors trying to get in will increase."



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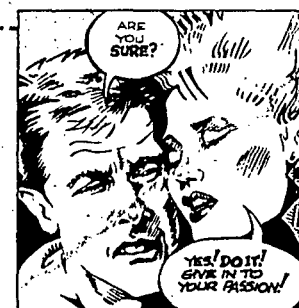
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The All-American ratings were awarded after comparison with other collegiate weeklies at schools with over 4,000 students. Only the top 3 percent of the nation's student publications receive the All-American rating. ACP, one of two national critique services for college and university student publications,

evaluated all issues published during both semesters.

For fall semester, the paper received marks of distinction in each of the five areas possible: coverage and content; writing and editing; opinion content; design; and photography, art and graphics. Marks of distinction are awarded for special achievement in student publications, taking into account liveliness, appeal, personality, imagination and creativity.

The *Missourian* received a four-star rating for spring

semester, earning marks of distinction in each area except opinion content.

The *Missourian* has now achieved All-American status for four consecutive semesters. Stacey Porterfield served as editor-in-chief last year, and John Kerr, assistant professor of mass communications, was the publication's faculty adviser.

"The whole staff deserves credit for earning the award," Porterfield said. "They did more than just work hard to get the paper out. They put a great deal

of time and energy into making it the best paper possible, and they can be proud of the results."

Other members of last year's editorial staff were Kimbal Mothershead, advertising/business director; Kevin Fullerton, art/design director; Greg Keling and Kim Potts, news editors; Mike Dunlap, assistant news editor; Kathy Parmenter, features/entertainment editor; Jim Burroughs and Steve Savard, sports editors; and Teri Adamson, advertising manager.

## Computer project continues despite funding setbacks

Northwest's innovative Electronic Campus project is continuing nearly on schedule despite several budgeting setbacks.

The program, which will provide for a computer terminal in every faculty office and residence hall room on campus, will receive only \$683,000 of the \$1.6 million Northwest originally requested.

Phase I of the program, wiring all faculty offices, is due to be completed during spring semester. Phase II, wiring every dorm room, will be completed by the fall semester of 1987.

This is made possible by an action of the Board of Regents in July that allowed Northwest to borrow up to \$1.2 million to complete the project. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.6 million. The Coordinating Board of Higher Education is requesting an additional \$670,000 for the project from the legislature next year to help compensate for the difference.

The underground wiring will be run for the first links this semester, and the first hook-up will be from the Administration Building to Colden Hall.

"The students, unfortunately, will see a lot of ditches," President Dean Hubbard said. "But once it's done, it's done, and it's worth doing."

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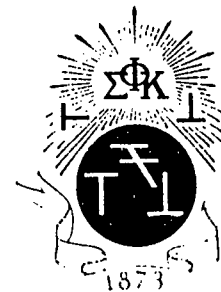
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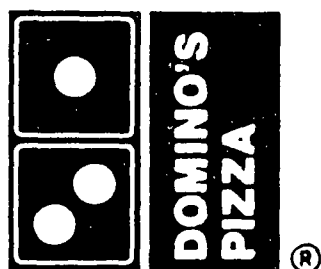
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## Fresh concepts at Northwest

*Administrators contribute  
innovative ideas to campus*

**T**wo new administrators will be bringing different ideas to Northwest this fall. Dr. Richard Dumont has replaced Dr. George English as vice president for academic affairs, and Dale Montague is taking over a new administrative position as director of enrollment management.

Dumont was selected after a year-long search to replace English, who announced his resignation from the post last summer. English has returned to classroom teaching as a professor of government. The search committee screened 115 applicants and nominees for the position.

One of Dumont's duties as chief academic officer for the University is dealing with Northwest's faculty. He stresses the importance of morale, and hopes to find ways to allow those who teach at Northwest to fulfill their aspirations.

"The most important resource of a University is the faculty," Dumont said. "It is my responsibility to see to it that we recruit the best-qualified individuals for these positions and to see to



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**Dr. Richard DuMont**, vice president for academic affairs, addresses Northwest graduates at Summer Commencement.

it that while they are here we provide opportunities for them to grow professionally."

For this reason, Dumont is especially interested in Northwest's Talent Development Program and the Electronic Campus project.

He feels that rather than running education like a business producing a product, the goal of education should be to provide a service and develop the abilities of each student.

Dale Montague is responsible for recruitment, marketing, financial aids and retention in his new position as director of enrollment management. The position was created to fill an opening left in the administration when Chuck Veatch left the



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**Dale Montague** brings a wide range of academic experience to his position as director of enrollment management.

position of director of admissions to work in alumni affairs and development. Montague said that the University created the post because of the link between recruitment and retention.

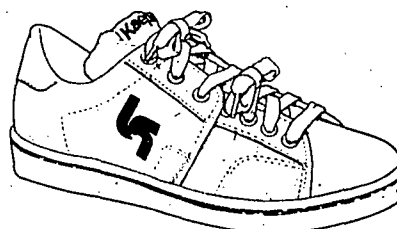
Montague will be working specifically with marketing Northwest to prospective students, attempting to interest students through a clear marketing focus. Since Northwest has a higher than average rate of freshmen attrition, he will try to keep students enrolled through enhancing the "freshmen experience."

"College is a life-long experience," Montague said. "If you're going to recruit a student, recruit a graduate."

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## Rooming as strangers

*New roommates  
don't have to be  
tough to live with*

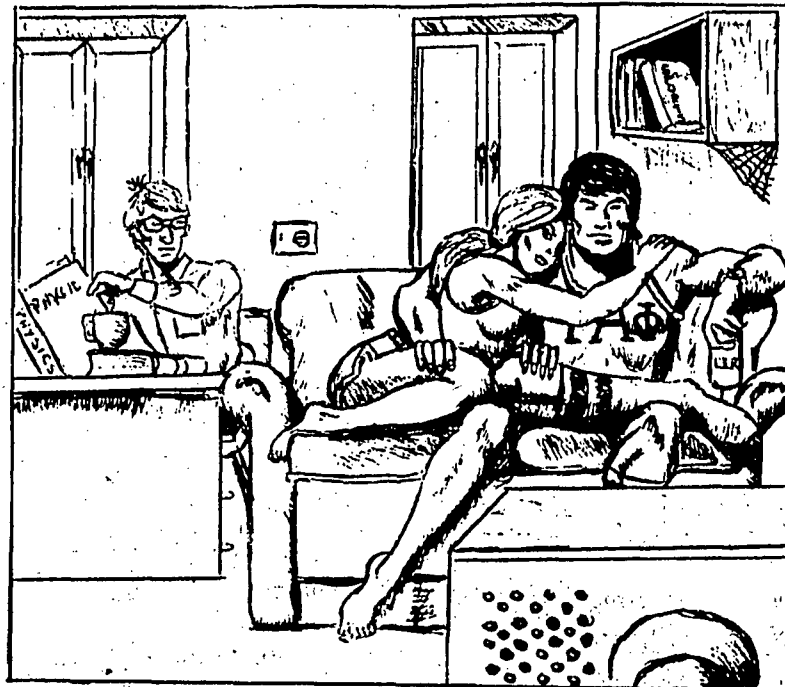
BY MOLLY ROSSITER  
Features Editor

**A**lthough starting college requires many adjustments, perhaps one of the toughest is learning to live with a perfect—or not so perfect—stranger for nine months.

As the days begin to go on and you eventually slip into a routine, you and your roommate will realize that you can't go on without talking. Getting to know your roommate is tough at first. Start out by asking about her family and her hometown.

If there is a clash of musical preference (you like the Rolling Stones and your roommate prefers Loretta Lynn), it might not be a bad idea for each of you to invest in a pair of stereo headphones. This way, when your roommate walks in on you and your stereo is playing "The Harlem Shuffle," you can just plug in your headphones and enjoy your music while your roommate can enjoy life without Mick Jagger.

Hopefully, the two of you won't consider studying a trouble spot—if neither of you study, you should get along great. If you do, however, there are a



few things you can do to eliminate the problem.

First of all, if you need to study for a major test and your roommate wants to watch reruns of "The Cosby Show," don't get into a huge hassle over it. Dorms are equipped with study lounges—use them. They are good places to get a lot of studying done without all of the noise. The same thing applies if your roommate wishes to sleep. Just grab your keys and head for the lounge.

**S**ometimes it's a good idea to do things together. Some of the most common things to do are eating (of course), partying and attending campus events together. When you de-

cide you're ready to go to the cafeteria or if some friends stop by to see if you want to go to the Deli, why not ask your roommate if she'd like to join you? You never know, she may like the same things you do.

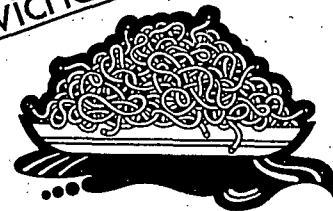
One clue in getting along with your roommate is to keep all disagreements within the confines of your room. Don't get the rest of the floor involved if the two of you have a disagreement. This can cause harsh feelings that may not fade.

If you and your roommate can get along, you may find out you can become close friends. As a matter of fact, it is quite possible that you will form one of the strongest and longest-lasting friendships you'll ever have.



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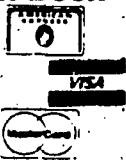




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Gerry Browning prepares for the play "The Old Jew." His make-up application takes at least two hours.

BY JULIE ERNAT  
Entertainment Editor

Life seems to unfold in "An Evening of Theatre," a night which includes three plays, two comedies and a drama. The friendships of college buddies, the loneliness of an old man and the systematic side of life are all explored.

Performed and produced by Northwest theater students, the shows run Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 31 at 2 p.m. in the

Season opens

## Plays view life with humor

Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Buddies" written by Mary Gallagher and directed by Gerry Browning, combines "Animal House" humor with a look at friendship as serious as "St. Elmos Fire."

Events take place at the college bachelor pad of Boe, Zoodirt and Gerry. Boe, played by Chris Button, sees life as a joke except for his relationship with ex-girlfriend, Lacey, played by Erin Shevling. Zoodirt, played by Bob Baumli, is a loudmouth who picks up a "dumb brunette" known as Lisa, played by Lisa Smeltzer, in a bar.

Calm and laid-back is the only way to describe Theresa, played by Brenda Wiederholdt.

The final character, Gerry, is played by theater instructor, David Oehler. Gerry is the "house wierdo."

Browning describes the theme in terms of friendship. "Friendship is a silence that needs no words to fill its gaps. It's sometimes rocky. It's sometimes challenging, but it's always there to make an unclear

future seem clear and possible," he said.

"The Old Jew" is a one-man show written by Murray Schusgal. "The play is about feelings, relationships and expectations," Director Erin Shevling said.

The loneliness of the old Jew, played by Gerry Browning, is emphasized as he talks to imaginary neighbors.

"He made me think about loneliness," Browning said. "How I treat other people and how they treat me."

Ending the evening is a comedy about mistaken identity called "Next." Author, Tarrence McNally, brings out the idea that people are sometimes treated like numbers in a line.

Marion Chéever, played by Dr. George Hinshaw, is a happy-go-lucky, 68-year-old, theater manager who is drafted.

Draft Sgt. Tech, played by Lisa Smeltzer, is a by-the-book die-hard who just can't see the problem.

Director Brenda Wiederholdt believes the theme "represents government not seeing people's views."

Fall entertainment schedule includes music and sports

BY JULIE ERNAT  
Entertainment Editor

Students coming back to Northwest for the fall always wonder what type of entertainment is available.

They needn't wonder anymore. A free "Watermelon Feast and Sunset Dance" will be held Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. on the Student Union patio. Sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers (CAPS), the evening will feature music by the rock band "N-Sync."

The Theater Department always has a play in production. "Buddies," "The Old Jew," and "Next," will run Aug. 30 and 31. The next production, "The Imaginary Invalid," will go on stage Oct. 17, 18 and 19.

Jazz ensembles and wind ensembles are just some of the events the Music Department sponsors.

Intramural sports will start with a meeting Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in Martindale Gym. Softball, volleyball and flag football will be discussed.

Performing Arts events will begin with the Missouri Repertory Theatre in "Fallen Angels." The Lyric Opera of Kansas City Company is another entertainment event offered this fall.

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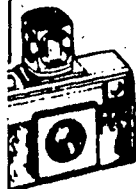
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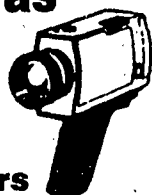
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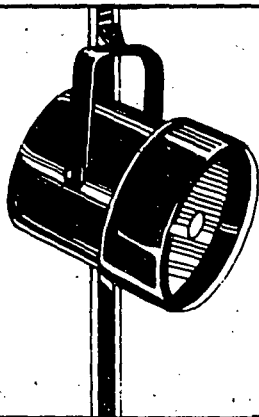
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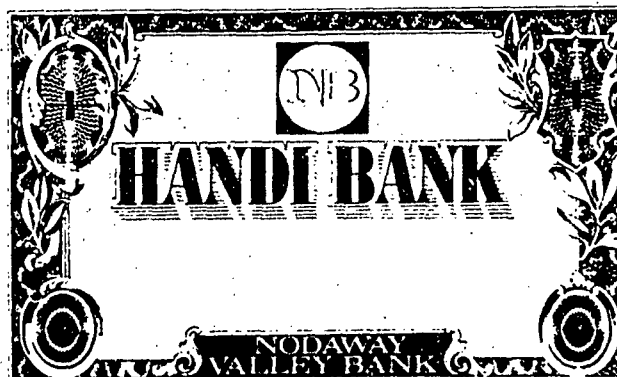


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## Olympic gymnast Retton to visit

Mary Lou Retton will be in Maryville to appear at the Ever-Ready Company picnic on Sept. 6, and an attempt to get the gymnast to visit Northwest is being made.

Dr. John Paul Mees, vice president of administrative and student development, said he is working with Dr. Ron DeY-oung, president of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, to have Retton appear on campus while she is in Maryville.

Mees said he hoped Miss Retton could do a brief demonstration on campus, speak to the crowd, and possibly sign a few autographs.

## Student parking policy changes

Students are going to be seeing some changes in Northwest's parking policy. According to Wilbur Adams, Director of Campus Services, commuter and resident parking lots have been converted to all-student parking.

Other changes in the parking policy include a \$5 increase in the price of the parking permit and the parking sticker is now to be placed on the right front window.

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## 25 Monday

- Student Payday.
- Registration and Verification, Armory, Administration Building, all day.
- General Information Session, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Faculty Meeting, Charles Johnson Theater, 9:30 a.m.
- Faculty/Staff Reception, Gaunt House, 2 p.m.
- KDLX Back-to-School Dance, Student Union Patio, 8 p.m.

## 26 Tuesday

- Registraton and Verification, Armory, Administration Building, all day.
- Organization Fair, Student Union Ballroom, 9:30 a.m.
- New Faculty Orientation, Northwest Room, Student Union, noon.
- Campus Tours, 1 p.m.
- Commuter Student Session, Union Ballroom, 3 p.m.
- Residence Hall Floor Meetings, Residence halls, 6:30 p.m.

## 27 Wednesday

- Classwork begins
- Late Registration, Add/Drop, Degree Applications, Petitions to Supersede, Registrar's Office, all day.
- Northwest Missourian Staff Meeting, 232 Wells Hall, 4 p.m.
- RHA Meeting, Northwest Room, Student Union, 5:15 p.m.
- Gymnastics Club Meeting, 210

General Registration will be held today and Tuesday, Aug. 26 in the Administration Building from 1-7 p.m.

Students should go through General Registration using the alphabetic schedule listed below or anytime after their scheduled appointments.

### Monday, Aug. 25

Wh-Z-1-2 p.m.  
U-Wg-2-3 p.m.  
Sm-T-3-4 p.m.  
Q-Sl-4-5 p.m.  
N-P-5-6 p.m.  
M-6-7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Aug. 26

A-Bj-1-2 p.m.  
Bl-D-2-3 p.m.  
E-F-3-4 p.m.  
G-He-4-5 p.m.  
Hi-J-5-6 p.m.  
K-L-6-7 p.m.

Martindale Gym, 7:25 p.m.  
•Baptist Student Union Meeting, Governors Room, 9 p.m.

## 28 Thursday

- IFC Meeting, Upper Lakeview Room, 4 p.m.
- Sigma Society Picnic, College Park, 5:30 p.m..
- Student Ambassadors Meeting, Admissions Office, 6 p.m.
- Tower Yearbook Staff Meeting, Basement, Wells Hall, 6 p.m.
- CAPs present N-Sync, Student Union Patio, 6:30 p.m.
- Intramural Orientation Meeting, 107 Martindale Gym, 7 p.m.
- Dolphin Swim Meeting, Foster Aquatic Center, 7 p.m.
- Delta Sigma Phi Meeting, Northwest Room, Student Union, 9 p.m.

## 29 Friday

•Last day to add or enroll in a first block course, Registrar's Office, all day.

## 30 Saturday

•Three Short Plays, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

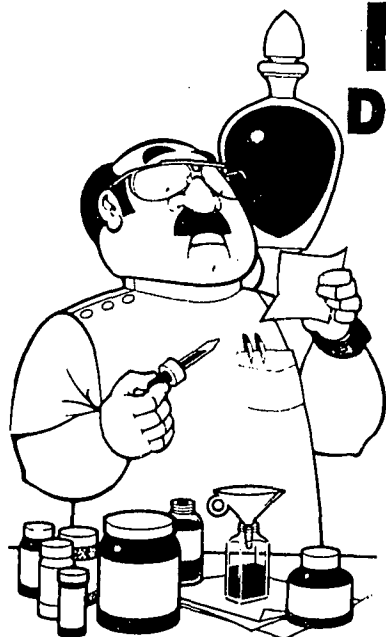
## 31 Sunday

•Three Short Plays, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

## 01 Monday

•Labor Day—No classes.

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## Squad victories will depend on new leadership

If Northwest's Bearcat Cross Country squad is to be successful this year, it will have to rely on some new leaders. Gone from last season are four standout runners.

"I wish that I knew how much of an effect those losses will affect us this season," Coach Richard Alsup said. "This year will be an extensive rebuilding period."

Alsup is relying on several runners to help pace the squad this season. Among them are Rusty Adams, Mike Haynes, Mark VanSickle, Mike Lee, and Tom Ricker.

The Bearkittens are returning six runners for this season. Those members are Lisa Basich, Allie Benorden, Julie Carl, Cherie King, DeeDee McCulloch, and Rita Wagner.

"Our success really depends on how well everybody conditioned over the summer, and how many girls stay with the program," Basich said. "We need all seven members to contribute."

"We have a lot of girls returning this year, many of which placed in meets last year," Carl said.

Competition for both squads gets underway on Sept. 6 with the running of the Bearcat Distance Classic. After that, the squads will play host to the Baker University Dual meet.



Missourian file photo

The 'Cats will be relying on runners like Rusty Adams, if they hope to battle for the MIAA title.

## Challenges anticipated

### Six letterwinners return

BY TROY APOSTOL  
Sports Editor

Five letterwinners from last year's Bearkitten Volleyball squad highlight this season's team. They are being joined by one letterwinner from the 1984 season.

"I'm expecting a lot out of our returnees," Coach Cathie Schulte said. "We have a good nucleus of players coming back."

The five lettering 'Kittens are Jodi Brady, Tanya Carson, Nancy Pfeifler, Lisa Taylor, and Susie Thomas. Re-joining the squad is Jill Tallman, who lettered in 1984, but sat out last season because of injuries.

Last year, the 'Kittens compiled a 25-25 record, ranking them second in the MIAA. Northwest finished behind the Central Missouri State University Jennies. Schulte predicts

that the Jennies will again be on top of the division at season's end.

"Central has always been a powerhouse in the conference," Schulte said. "I think we will finish behind them again this season."

The second-year coach sees improvements in two other teams, the Northeast Missouri State University Bulldogs and the Southeast Missouri State University Otahkians.

"Southeast has added funding to their program," Schulte said. "The conference won't be as easy as it was last year."

Competition for the 'Kittens gets underway on Sept. 6. That is when Northwest plays host to the Bearkitten Invitational.

"We have just as tough a schedule as last year, but not as extensive," Schulte said.



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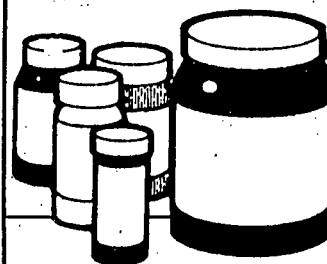
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# 'Cats tie for second in poll

## Offensive plans place emphasis on new pattern

BY TROY APOSTOL  
Sports Editor

Last season, Northwest's Bearcats, were coming off of a 10-1 season and a 1984 conference champion ship. They were predicted to retain their title of MIAA champions in 1985. But everything that the 1984 season was for the 'Cats, the 1985 season was not.

For this season, the 'Cats are predicted to finish in a tie for second with the Northeast Missouri State University Bulldogs. Both squads accumulated a total of 27 points each, based on a poll

of MIAA coaches. The points were determined by how many votes a team got in a certain placing, then multiplied by the number of points the placing is worth.

This season Northwest will be without the talent of linebacker Steve Savard, who was signed as a free agent by the Dallas Cowboys. To offset the loss, Head Coach Vern Thomsen has moved linebacker Brad Rischer to the inside spot.

"Rischer made some tremendous strides in spring football," Thomsen said. "Along with Doug Meng, a tremendous linebacker, they could be as good or even better than last year's linebackers."

The offensive scheme for this season calls for a different pattern than what the 'Cats usually use: more rushing. Thomsen estimated that last season, the 'Cat's attack was 70 percent pass, 30 percent run.

"This season I would like to see more of a 50-50 attack," Thomsen said. "More balanced."

The "Air Northwest" attack will be led with a new arm, that of quarterback Dennis Bene. The 5-foot-10, 175-pound junior was recruited out of Scottsdale Community College in Tucson, Ariz.

"This is the most pass-oriented offense that I have ever encountered," Bene said. "The coaches and players have been very helpful for me."

Also new to the passing attack is the receiving crew. One addition in the receiving department is that of Jarvis Redmond. Last season, Redmond returned kickoffs for the 'Cats.

"Right now, our biggest question mark is with the punting," Thomsen said. "We have two kids, Mike Barrett and Darrin Chambers. The job is up for grabs between them."

of Florida.

"We will be very competitive in the league," Thomsen said. "Our non-conference competition is a lot tougher."

Thomsen feels that the team to beat in the MIAA is the Southeast Missouri State University Indians. Last season, the Indians finished in a tie for third in the conference with the 'Cats after compiling a 2-3-0 conference record. Overall, Southeast finished their season at 4-7-0.

But this year will be different, or so the other coaches in the conference believe. The Indians are predicted to win the conference in the pre-season coaches' poll.

"I don't really pay attention to polls," Southeast Head Coach Bob Smith said. "Our players are anxious to return. We've got a lot of players back who are enthusiastic."

Something that the Indians are paying attention to is their playing schedule for the upcoming season. Their first six games are against non-conference teams. Smith feels that his Indians must play especially well and not get down before their conference play begins.

"Our team is more balanced right now," Smith said. "Our biggest set back would be if our quarterback was injured, otherwise we have a lot of depth nearly everywhere."

Last season, Jeff Brown took care of the quarterback duties for the Indians. But Southeast was more successful rushing the ball. In the MIAA, they led the conference squad in rushing, compiling 1,950 yards, while averaging 177.3 yards per game.

This season's conference race will answer many questions for both squads. It will also put many new players on the field. But as Northeast Mis-

"This season, I would like to see more of a 50-50 (offensive) attack more balanced," Thomsen



Defensive lineman Brent Orme drills into a blocking dummy during practice. The Bearcats have been sweating through the sun ever since practice started on Aug. 13. Northwest's first exhibition is the Green-White inter-squad scrimmage this Saturday at